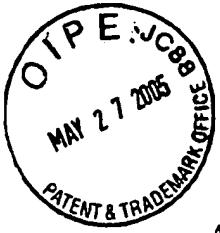


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Group Art Unit 3679

Examiner: David Bochna

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the final Office action mailed April 19, 2004, please amend the claims of the application as set forth herein in "Amendments to the Claims", which cancels rejected claims 1 and 2 and non-elected claims 5-10 and 14-18.

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